

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF NANCY MILLIKEN, MD

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise, alongside Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, to recognize the outstanding service and trailblazing career of Dr. Nancy Milliken in celebration of her well-earned retirement. As the Founding Director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Milliken has touched the lives of women in San Francisco and across the nation. Her long and storied career has been defined by selfless service and unwavering devotion to the dignity of every patient.

Educated at Harvard University and Duke University Medical School, Dr. Milliken began her career facing indifference toward and underinvestment in women's health—among those in the medical field and in society at large. Equipped with a sharp intellect and a lifelong talent for speaking truth to power, she made it her mission to build a fairer, healthier future for women and girls.

In 1996, she helped UCSF establish one of the nation's first centers of excellence in women's health, spearheading efforts to strengthen medical training through clinical care, education, research, community engagement and leadership. These efforts continue to have a daily impact on the health of local women, including through the coordinated care provided at two clinics in San Francisco.

Under Dr. Milliken's leadership, the Center has also worked with community organizations across the country to open doors to quality, affordable health care. Partnering with a school district in Jackson, Mississippi, the Center helped provide education and physical activity programs to local students and residents. And in Grand Forks, North Dakota, it worked with a local clinic to provide critical resources for survivors of intimate partner violence.

Among her peers, Dr. Milliken is renowned for her courage and resilience. While organizing a conference with other centers of excellence, she led the charge to host practitioner workshops covering topics viewed by some as taboo, including abortion and lesbian health. In the face of much resistance, she successfully fought to ensure that attendees could access comprehensive educational sessions on these important subjects.

Always looking to the future, she has also worked to prepare the next generation of women's health practitioners. In partnership with Congresswoman SPEIER, Dr. Milliken has helped educate more than 10,000 high school students through the Young Women's Health and Leadership Summit—an annual event organized by and for the young women of San Francisco.

Rarely seeking the spotlight, Dr. Milliken is more interested in her long-term impact than

accolades or titles. She readily shares credit and eagerly mentors those seeking to follow in her footsteps. Yet her remarkable achievements have been recognized by an array of professional and community organizations, including the Academy of Women's Health, the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Hunters Point Family.

Right now, women across our country are bracing for a Supreme Court decision that will dramatically restrict our Constitutional rights and health freedoms. As we confront this challenge, our nation is blessed by the warriors trained by Dr. Milliken, who are prepared to defend the health and welfare of American women.

Congress and the Country salute the committed service of this brilliant researcher, doctor, leader and friend, and we wish her all the best as she prepares for a deeply deserved retirement.

MATTHEW MARKEE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Matthew Markee's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Matthew graduated from Cape May County Technical High School and obtained his Eagle Scout ranking as a part of Troop 65 in Cape May Court House. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew restored the Cape May County Park South pavilion in Villas, South Jersey. Before Matthew's project, the pavilion had paint peeling off and a leaking roof. To remedy the issue, Matthew removed the old tar paper and roof shingles from the pavilion and replaced them himself. He also painted and cleaned up the pavilion, restoring it to original condition. Matthew completed the repairs, gained the funding for the project, and recruited volunteers for the project on his own. He should be very proud of his service to South Jersey and Park South, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. God Bless Matthew, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING ALCOA MASSENA OPERATIONS ON THEIR 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Alcoa Massena Operations on 120 years of successful operations in Massena. The abundant hydroelectric energy supply in Massena drew Alcoa to the location in 1902 and, since then,

the facility has become an integral part of the community.

Alcoa Massena Operations is a great example of a facility focused on innovation and modernization. One hundred and twenty years ago in Massena, New York, Alcoa broke ground on what is now the world's oldest continuously operating smelter and has been focused on revolutionizing the aluminum industry by helping their customers develop more sustainable solutions.

The Alcoa Massena plant is comprised of 198 pre-brake lines, making it one of the largest and most automated potlines in the industry. Alcoa Massena Operations can produce an incredible 800,000 pounds of aluminum every single day. In addition to smelting, the plant uses the melted aluminum to produce over sixty different alloys and rolling aluminum rods for customer shipment. Alcoa Massena Operations provides over 550 jobs for Massena community members, making an important element of the dynamic North Country economy.

The jobs and services provided by this plant are integral to the vitality of Massena and the entirety of the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to congratulate Alcoa Massena Operations on one hundred and twenty years of continuous service. We thank them for all they provide to our community.

CELEBRATING MRS. RUTH BRIDGEFORTH LESTER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of service of Mrs. Ruth Bridgeforth Lester.

Mrs. Ruth Bridgeforth Lester was born in Southaven Mississippi to Mr. Gedie and Mrs. Willie Ruth McGowan Bridgeforth on November 17, 1938. She was 13 years old when her mother passed away and she began her lifelong journey as family Matriarch. With eight younger sisters and brothers she remained devoted and committed to taking care of family members. As the eldest, she made many sacrifices to help support the family and help her father Gedie raise her siblings.

Those early experiences prepared her for life as a businesswoman. She faced many obstacles planning for business administration and ownership, but her past experiences emphasized vision, commitment, and a capacity to serve and honor others. Ms. Lester had learned to overcome any fears, erasing any and all doubts, and "bridging forth" to new endeavors. Thus, Ms. Lester became the proud owner of The Final Touch, the first nail salon, in Memphis, TN. She and her business partner opened the nail salon in October 1972.

Ms. Lester continues to give, serve, and create capacity throughout her family and the

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community she lives in and works in across the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. She is well known for her savory and healthy meals, even giving food to strangers. No one goes hungry around her. She has been and continues to be the unbeatable family cook for over 70 years.

Ruth has lived in the Desoto County area and has been a contributing citizen for at least 65 years of her life. As a matter of fact, the home that she currently lives in was the last home that her father Gedie built, and where she and her siblings were born.

JACOB LEWIS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Jacob Lewis was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Jacob is the Valedictorian of Millville High School's Class of 2022, which has a total of 378 students. As well as excelling in academics, he is also involved in many extra-curricular activities. Jacob is a student-athlete who earned eight varsity letters on both the boys' soccer and tennis teams. In the fall, he will continue his academic and athletic careers at the University of Pennsylvania. Jacob should be very proud of all his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. God Bless Jacob, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JAIME SHIMEK ON HER DEPARTURE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee and its staff, to pay tribute to Jaime Shimek after her nearly 20 years of Federal service.

Hailing from Washington State, Jaime began her career as an intern for Representative Norm Dicks and as a staffer for Senator MARIA CANTWELL. She then served as Washington Senator PATTY MURRAY's Senior Policy Advisor for eight years, handling the appropriations and energy, agriculture, and water portfolios. Jaime left Congress, moving over to the Department of Energy where she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs before serving as the Director of Federal Affairs at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

She then came back to Congress and joined the Appropriations Committee, where she has served for the past five years, including as Clerk of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee since 2017.

Madam Speaker, during her time with Appropriations, Jaime has been an invaluable asset to the Members of the Committee and myself. She has a profound technical under-

standing of the full scope of the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, ranging from water infrastructure projects across the country to nuclear weapons to energy and science programs. She has been at the helm of the responsible investments we have made in the past several years to strengthen our energy independence, diversify our energy sources, fight climate change, rebuild our water infrastructure, and create green jobs.

I know I do not just speak for myself when I say we will miss Jaime greatly on this team. Jaime's hard work and her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and Congress have made her an incredible asset. I look forward to her future endeavors in her home state of Washington at a Department of Energy national lab and congratulate her on her career. The Appropriations Committee, and our entire Nation are indebted to Jaime and grateful for her service.

H.R. 2020, THE POST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE ONLINE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter I've sent to Chairman DEFAZIO of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2022.

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN DEFAZIO: I write concerning H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative González-Colón. The Financial Services Committee received an additional referral on this bill but has not formally foregone any further consideration of the bill because we were unfortunately not given sufficient time to review it prior to it being brought to the floor on suspension. While I support the apparent purpose of this legislation, I am concerned that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have not been consulted for their opinion or technical drafting assistance on this legislation when they will play key roles in implementing this bill.

I have shared the text of this legislation with both HUD and FEMA and requested their input. I would appreciate your cooperation in addressing any concerns from these agencies and integrating any technical drafting changes they suggest as you work to move this bill in the Senate. My staff will be in touch as they receive feedback from these agencies.

I will be submitting a copy of this letter in the Congressional Record and I look forward to working with you on this and other issues where our Committees cross paths.

Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,
Chairwoman.

IRENE JACOBSON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Irene Jacobson's 105th birthday celebration. Irene was born in April of 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts. After completing secretarial courses at Boston schools, she began her career as a secretary. Then, in 1937, Irene was set up on a blind date where she met her husband, Simon. In June of 1939, Irene and Simon got married and eventually had three children. During her time as a stay-at-home mom, Irene began her first volunteer effort where she worked on John F. Kennedy's first political campaign. In 1961, Irene and Simon moved their family to Vineland, South Jersey, where they made many friends, were actively involved in their synagogue, and generously contributed to the South Jersey community. In 2010, Irene won the Nutrition Award through my Joint Legislative Commendation efforts during my time in the New Jersey State Senate. Additionally, in 2017, she was recognized by the Cumberland County Freeholders for her service. Currently, Irene is a member of The Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Vineland and the Alliance Synagogue in Norma. She also enjoys spending time with family, reading, watching movies, and word puzzles. Irene should be proud of her service to the South Jersey community, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to attend her birthday celebration. God Bless Irene, and God Bless our United States of America.

FEDERAL RESERVE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2543 and thank Chairwoman WATERS for assembling this legislation.

I would like to highlight a critical provision of the bill, the Expanding Financial Access for Underserved Communities Act. As a former employee of a credit union, I understand that joining a credit union can provide Americans with invaluable financial opportunities.

However, unlike other depository institutions and financial services providers, not everyone in America can join a credit union. The Chairwoman's bill, and this package, help to mitigate that issue by allowing federally chartered credit unions the opportunity to apply to provide services for low-income, underserved and rural communities, where financial services are unfortunately limited to a payday lender or pawnshop. Nothing in this bill precludes any other financial services provider from serving these communities, and credit unions should not be restricted either.

I have seen firsthand the affordable and dependable services credit unions provide, and how they exist to change the lives of their members. Let us continue to work together to bring more common-sense solutions to America's unbanked.

HONORING DEBORAH "DEBBIE"
BEAHAN FOR HER DEDICATION
IN SERVING HUDSON FALLS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deborah "Debbie" Beahan for her years of service to the Hudson Falls community. Debbie spent much of her professional life working for Washington County and volunteering for several community organizations. Her dedication to her work and community has made a profound impact on Hudson Falls.

Debbie was born and raised in Ticonderoga, New York and 1974, she moved to Hudson Falls. She worked for Washington County for 32 years. For 20 years, she worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles, which honored her in 1999 for her contributions to the community. After her time at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Debbie worked in the County Clerk office, serving as Deputy Clerk for 8 years and as County Clerk for 4 years.

In addition to her career in public service, Debbie has volunteered at the Senior Center of the Kingsbury & Fort Edward Area, Inc. for the past 9 years. She is the president of the board of directors at the center and is a vital part of their daily operations. During the pandemic, Debbie's work was especially critical, as she made sure the members were kept up to date on all pressing matters related to COVID-19. She also helped to install the "My Senior Center" software program that reports membership, personnel, events, meals, and transportation statistics for the center.

Debbie got her start as a volunteer with the Special Olympics in the 1980s as a bowling and track and field coach. She also served as treasurer of the Washington County Republican Committee Women's Club, was involved with the heart fund, and participates in the Public Health Committee for employees. Due to all her years of hard work and dedication, it is no surprise that Washington County is honoring Debbie for her incredible service as a part of Older Americans Month. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I thank Debbie for her dedication to the Hudson Falls community and wish her all the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF AMERICAN LEGION
KARL ROSS POST 16

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 in Stockton, California on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

For the last century, the Karl Ross Post has provided assistance and fellowship to Stockton's many veterans and promoted patriotism in the community at-large. Their Honor Guard has marked the interment of many veterans with the dignity and ceremony they deserve—helping their families and our community to recognize their contributions to our peace, freedom, and security.

Through the ceremonies the Karl Ross Post organizes—often in conjunction with other veterans' organizations—our community remembers and recognizes the sacrifices veterans have made, and better appreciates the blessings of the liberties and freedoms that we hold dear.

Along with the strong role the Karl Ross Post has played locally, it has also had a national reach. Every American veteran has been touched by the efforts of Warren Atherton, who rose from Commander of the Karl Ross Post to National Commander of the American Legion, where he worked with Francis Sullivan to draft the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Today, the Karl Ross Post and its members continue their tradition of promoting patriotism and assisting a new generation of combat veterans as they re-enter civilian life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 and its century of service to our veterans, our community, and our Nation.

DAWSON MOORE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Dawson Moore's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Dawson graduated from Middle Township High School last year and is a part of Cape May Court House's Troop 65. For his Eagle Scout project, he refurbished the Goshen Therapeutic riding ring at the Cape May County equestrian facility, which allows participants to experience the benefits of horseback riding while working on their own personal challenges. Dawson replaced the fencing around the riding ring, which was in desperate need of repair. He should be proud of his project, and it was my honor to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. I wish Dawson the best of luck on his future endeavors. God Bless Dawson, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF JON BOUGHTIN

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of Jon Boughtin, an exceptional staffer and someone I'm proud to have called a partner.

Jon was the very first Director of Member Services for the New Democrat Coalition. In this role, he worked every day to build a strong coalition made up of effective members of Congress. His work demonstrated a commitment to getting good things done for the American people—and to helping every member of our coalition do that too. Beyond that, Jon fostered a community of leaders that resembled a family more than a caucus. I consider myself lucky that he held the role during my Chairmanship of the Coalition.

We talk a lot in the New Dems about delivering for Americans and getting results in Con-

gress. But that doesn't just happen. It takes hard work and a commitment to do the tough work of finding common ground. That's what Jon's all about. He always challenged the New Dems to keep the concerns of our friends and families back home front and center. His dedicated work to provide resources to our members and staff empowered our members to make a real, tangible difference on a host of issues—from inflation to workforce development. I knew I could always turn to Jon for candid advice, smart analysis, and creative solutions. His sense of humor wasn't half bad either.

For Jon, working for the New Dems wasn't just a paycheck. It was a mission. And thanks to him, our Coalition has never been stronger. Though I'm sad to see him go, I wish him luck in his new role. To Jon—as well as to his family, from whom we borrowed Jon on many late nights and weekends—I offer my congratulations, my best wishes, and my sincere thanks for years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF KEITH MOSKOWITZ

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Keith Moskowitz from Vero Beach, Florida, a constituent who has earned distinction for his dedication to ensuring safe communities and for his commitment to making a difference in the lives of others by investing in people and creating opportunity.

Keith started his first job when he was only eight years old and since then has worked hard and owned many businesses. Being called to serve others, Keith put his businesses on hold and joined the New York City Police Department. Over the course of his 15-years of service Keith received over 60 awards for his excellent police work, including meritorious and bravery medals. He earned two promotions and led an investigative squad focusing on domestic violence, burglary, and homicides. On September 11, 2001, Keith was on duty in downtown Manhattan when the Trade Center was attacked and worked tirelessly to assist people in getting to safety.

In June 2006 Keith retired from the NYPD and relocated to Florida where he once again joined the private sector building a string of successful small businesses in the automotive and home repair industries which he grew to include more than 20 employees. Keith's philanthropic nature has benefited his community as he has given much of his time and resources to local schools, local governments, and people in need of assistance.

Recognized by the governor of Kentucky, Keith was awarded the distinguished Kentucky Colonel designation for his continued investments in people and the communities in which he has served. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Keith Moskowitz for his dedication to community service, courageous acts, and generous spirit.

GIANNA TREXLER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Gianna Trexler was nominated to receive an Olympiad Award at the event. Gianna is an early college high school student who recently graduated from Rowan College with an associate degree in Liberal Arts. In addition to her liberal arts studies, she is also a biomedical sciences academy student. Gianna is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Science National Honor Society. While at Cumberland Regional High School, she was a member of multiple clubs and also was a "senior mentor," who helped underclassmen with the transition from middle school into high school. Additionally, Gianna was a part of the field hockey and tennis teams and earned varsity letters in softball and swimming. She was awarded with a Presidential Merit Scholarship from Delaware Valley University, where she will continue her studies in Large Animal Science and Pre-Veterinary medicine, as well as play softball. Gianna should be proud of her many accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. God Bless Gianna, and God Bless our America.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JON BOUGHTIN**

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Jon Boughtin, the long-serving and committed member of the New Dem family.

Jon is leaving Capitol Hill this month after working for more than a decade in public service, including for Rep. Bill Owens, Rep. Lincoln Davis, and the New Democrat Coalition under Chairs SUZAN DELBENE and DEREK KILMER. Jon's meaningful member engagement will leave a lasting impact on the Coalition for years to come.

As New Dems, we have 98 members focused on advocating for common sense policies to grow our economy, educate our kids, and lift up Americans from every walk of life. We cut across the gridlock and political division to deliver real solutions to some of the toughest challenges facing American families. The work is hard and unrelenting, but Jon faced every challenge with optimism and integrity. Our members are better for having worked with Jon for the last five years.

More important than his daily work, Jon was a kind colleague to his peers and a dedicated advocate for all Americans throughout his career. His presence at the New Democrat Coalition will be sorely missed.

On behalf of our entire Coalition, I want to thank Jon for his hard work and wish him and his family nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DALE GRINNELL FOR
HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING
THE FORT ANN COMMUNITY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Grinnell for his years of service to Fort Ann. Dale has spent his entire life selflessly serving his community without ever expecting any thanks in return.

Dale was born in Glen Falls, New York and grew up working on his family's two hundred and fifty head farm, Wilbur Grinnell and Sons Dairy Farm. In 1965, he moved to Fort Ann and began working at Finch-Pruyn Paper in Glens Falls. After thirty-five years, Dale retired from the paper mill and continued to focus his attention on serving his community.

Dale is a deacon at the Cornerstone Bible Church in Fort Ann. He has also managed the church's food pantry for many years and takes great pride in ensuring food gets to those in need. He coordinates deliveries of this food and will deliver it himself if he is unable to find a volunteer. Dale and his wife worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep the food pantry open to ensure that everyone safely received the assistance they needed.

In addition to his work with the Cornerstone Bible Church, Dale serves his community in many other roles. Preserving the incredible history of Washington County has consistently been a top priority for Dale. He is the administrator of historical markers at the Washington County Historical Society. In 2007, he contributed to the Fort Ann historical book, "300 Years of History," and he serves as the vice president of the Fort Ann Historical Society. Dale was actively involved in preserving Battle Hill and assisted in obtaining grants for the project.

Dale's dedication to preserving and improving the Fort Ann community cannot be understated. As Washington County honored him for his service in his community for Older Americans Month, I am proud to thank Dale for his commitment to serving the Fort Ann community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize Dale for his incredible life of service.

IN HONOR OF REVOLUTIONARY
WAR VETERANS SERGEANT BEN-
JAMIN WOODRUFF AND COR-
PORAL JOSIAH CUTLER AS THEY
RECEIVE PLAQUES IN ANN AR-
BOR'S FOREST HILL CEMETERY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Revolutionary War Veterans Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff and Corporal Josiah Cutler on the occasion of the laying of a plaque in their honor at Forest Hill Cemetery located in Ann Arbor, Michigan by the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Freedom is not free, and today we pause to remember two men who served their country

during the Revolutionary War. Their service to our nation at the time of its birth is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff first enlisted in the Continental Army as a drummer in 1776. He later enlisted as a Sergeant in the New Jersey Militia and served in this position for the remainder of the war. During his time in the army, Sergeant Woodruff fought in the battles of Elizabethtown, Springfield, and at Acquackanonk. He died in Pittsfield Township, Michigan in 1837 at the age of 92.

Corporal Josiah Cutler was a native of Brookfield, Massachusetts. Beginning in 1778, he served for four years and 10 months in the Continental Army until he was honorably discharged in 1784. While enlisted, Corporal Cutler fought at Battle of Kingsbridge and stormed the redoubt at Yorktown under General Lafayette. In 1840, at age 78, Cutler moved to Pittsfield Township, Michigan where he died a couple months later.

Both Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff and Corporal Josiah Cutler are remembered for their honorable military service and dedication to our nation. They are just a few of the native and adopted Michiganders who fought for our country during the revolution. It is important for us to honor the veterans of community who fought for the freedom of our nation, a value we continue to hold dear today. There is no better moment to recognize these veterans than on the upcoming anniversary of our nation. We are thankful for the path these soldiers laid out for past, present, and future Americans over two centuries ago.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the honorable men Sergeant Benjamin Woodruff and Corporal Josiah Cutler as they are memorialized in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We join with Americans everywhere in extending our thanks to the Huron Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their work remembering these important men. Today and every day, we honor the brave patriots we lost in the fight for our independence. We are grateful for their military service and their willingness to fight for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

ANGEL SMITH

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Angel Smith of Bridgeton High School was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Angel is a committed student-athlete, who earned varsity letters in basketball, cross country, and football. Additionally, he was named First Team All-Conference in basketball for both his junior and senior year seasons. As well as his athletic achievements, Angel excelled in academics. He will continue both his academic and athletic career in the fall at Rowan College where he will study engineering technology and play basketball. Angel truly led by example at Bridgeton High School, and I wish

him the best of luck at Rowan College. God Bless Angel, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN WITHERS
OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Withers of Irvine, California. Mr. Withers served as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors from June 2021 to June 2022.

During his tenure, Mr. Withers led the work of the Orange County Sanitation District's Board of Directors, providing high quality water treatment services for over two million Orange County residents and protecting our fragile coastal ecosystems from wastewater pollution. Under his watch, the Orange County Sanitation District has served as a model for other communities throughout the Nation that are facing climate resiliency challenges.

Despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Withers oversaw the implementation and initiation of multiple public works projects. One of the most impressive projects was the construction of a new headworks facility, which serves as the nervous system of a well-functioning wastewater treatment process. These efforts will improve the service capabilities of the wastewater treatment plant and the resiliency of the facility's electrical system, resulting in fewer power disruptions and better safeguards. This ambitious project will provide Orange County with the necessary infrastructure to better manage the harms brought on by climate change and create good paying jobs.

PFAS, a group of man-made chemicals that are harmful to human health, are a serious threat to our drinking water. I am thankful for the Orange County Sanitation District's commitment to developing solutions to address this issue and help protect families. Mr. Withers understood the need to protect public health through the development of innovative technologies that keep our water safe by treating and removing these chemicals. His work has served as a catalyst to promote accessible and cost-efficient PFAS treatment.

I am proud to honor Mr. Withers and thank him for his years of service on the Orange County Sanitation District's Board of Directors and for his successful work as the board's Chairman.

RECOGNIZING JON BOUGHTIN

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Jon Boughtin, a dedicated staffer for the New Democrat Coalition.

Jon departs Capitol Hill this month after working for more than a decade in public service, but his legacy of strong member engagement and meaningful relationships with staff,

members, and outside stakeholders alike will not soon be forgotten.

The New Dems occupy an important place within the Democratic Caucus. We are the center of gravity in the House Democratic Caucus, the majority makers, and forward-thinking policymakers. None of our work would be possible without a strong support system for our members and staff. Jon worked tirelessly to support the New Dems, helping them make a meaningful and lasting legislative impact in the House of Representatives. Jon developed relationships with countless external experts and organizations, which was essential for New Dems to "get stuff done," as we often like to say. One thing we heard over and over from New Dem members and staff was, "Jon always came in at the right time with the right advice before I even knew I needed it." This level of instinct and intellect is a rare combination.

New Dems are known for working across the ideological spectrum and with anyone who is willing to come to the table to get things done. But more than that, we've also become a home for thoughtful, measured leaders who have had enough of the shouting and division that too often defines our politics. Jon helped foster this spirit of collaboration and cooperation. Because of his relationships and thoughtful, smart work, New Dems have been able to deliver meaningful policy solutions that put kitchen-table issues at the center of the political debate.

Jon embodied the New Dem spirit as a selfless public servant and pragmatic policy advocate throughout his career. As the Chair of our 98-Member Coalition, I thank Jon for his service, both past and future, and wish him and his family all the best.

RYAN MATHIS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Ryan Mathis' Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Ryan graduated from Cape May County Technical High School last year and was a part of their welding program, where he became a certified welder. He achieved his Eagle Scout rank as a part of Cape May Court House Troop 65. For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan built a flag box for retired American flags. He designed the box himself and created it from a sheet of steel, utilizing his welding skills. Ryan placed the retired flag box at the American Legion in Cape May Court House. Ryan should be proud of his project and his service to Cape May Court House and the entire South Jersey community. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors. God Bless Ryan, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 12

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 12, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. Since its founding on June 26, 1922, Post 12 has made countless contributions to our community.

Over the years, Post 12 has been a fierce advocate for veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and our children and youth. These Four Pillars of the American Legion serve as a guiding light for the organization and pervade all aspects of Post 12's philanthropic work.

Composed of service members, veterans, and military families, Post 12 represents the best our nation has to offer. I am proud to represent a district that has a strong military presence and is home to some of the bravest patriots in the country. Not only did these men and women serve our country while in uniform, but they also continue to give back to our community's robust veteran population.

Post 12 ensures our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need throughout and after their service through local advocacy and assistance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Furthermore, Post 12 serves as a community leader in Graves Registration by assisting concerned parties locate veterans' gravesites and maintaining a burial lot for kinless servicemen. It is also a principal sponsor for many community service initiatives and youth academic scholarships.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt gratitude to American Legion Post 12 for their century of service. The exemplary men and women of Post 12 are the heart and soul of our community and I wish them continued success in their service going forward.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 12.

BASE ACCESS PRIVILEGES
IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Base Access Privileges Improvement Act," which would standardize and streamline access to military installations for designated support personnel across the nation. I thank my colleague Congressman DONALD NORCROSS (D-NJ) for his support as the bill's original cosponsor.

Every day, civilian workers access military bases to provide services, transport goods, or conduct job fairs for departing service members or military spouses. Unfortunately, from state to state—or even installation to installation—there are different standards for unescorted civilian access set by the service

branches or base commanders. This can be a maddening bureaucracy for support workers requiring routine base access to do their jobs.

The "Base Access Privileges Improvement Act" would create an overarching set of access standards for civilians with legitimate need to access military installations on a recurring basis or for a scheduled purpose. For example, the bill would allow truckers delivering household goods for military families to use their Transportation Worker Identification Credentials, which is issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and requires passing a federal background check, for proving their identity to get on base. The bill would also require that the U.S. Department of Defense provide expedited, unescorted base access privileges for veterans accessing services at the installation, civilians working at a construction job site on base, State labor regulators for applicable workers' compensation or minimum wage laws, and members of federally recognized labor-management committees.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I know full well that our military installations are secure for a good reason. However, for those civilians who are already appropriately vetted and cleared, we must ease the bureaucratic hurdles for base access so they can do their job in support of our nation's military, military families, and veterans. Military bases can maintain the highest level of scrutiny for those seeking access while still equalizing the requirements across the nation. The "Base Access Privileges Improvement Act" would ensure just that.

RYAN RUSSO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Ryan Russo was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Ryan is an impressive student-athlete who excelled in the classroom, in the pool, and on the track at Vineland High School. During his senior year season, he suffered an injury that restricted him from playing. However, Ryan remained positive and committed to his teams. He is a true leader and an ambassador for his community, school, and his teams, serving as a role model for many underclassmen. Ryan should be very proud of his contributions to the Vineland High School community, and I am glad that I was able to meet him at the event last weekend. God Bless Ryan, and God Bless our America.

HONORING SGT. THOMAS H.
COREY, VIETNAM VETERAN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Thomas H. Corey, a decorated Vietnam War Veteran and beloved advocate for veteran's rights. Sergeant Corey passed away at the age of 77, on June 6, 2022, in Jupiter, Florida, due to complications from injuries sustained during the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Corey served as a U.S. Army combat infantryman and squad leader in Vietnam. In January 1968, in Quang Tri Province, he was shot in his spinal cord while engaging the enemy, leaving him paralyzed and quadriplegic. For his service and heroism, Sergeant Corey was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

After medically retiring, Sergeant Corey relocated to West Palm Beach, Florida in 1972 and joined the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), beginning his decades-long career as an advocate for our nation's veterans. In 1981, he founded VVA's Palm Beach County Chapter 25, which was renamed in his honor in 1991.

Sergeant Corey would go on to serve as VVA's National President and vowed, "to speak up for those veterans without a voice." He fought for mandatory funding for veterans' health care and services because he believed that "to deny adequate funding for quality health care and other services is to violate a sacred trust with the nation."

Sergeant Corey also traveled back to Vietnam more than a dozen times as a representative of the VVA's Veterans Initiative Task Force to meet with his former enemy, and work together in search of the remains of Americans and Vietnamese who lost their lives during the war. He simultaneously ran the Vietnam Veterans Peace Initiative where he spearheaded the building of a maternal health clinic in Vietnam to provide medical support to victims of Agent Orange attacks.

Sergeant Corey dedicated his life to fighting for veterans and improving access to quality health care. His work has touched the lives of generations of veterans and their families. I am proud to honor him today and express my condolences to his family, friends and to our entire community for the enormous void he leaves behind. May his memory be a blessing.